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REPLY TO ATTN OF: Area Director, Anadarko Area Office
Attn: Tribal Government Services

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SUBJECT: Secretarial Election Results for Pawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

TO: Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs
Attn: Office of Tribal Government Services

Attached is a copy of the Certificate of Results of Election for the Secretarial Election held July 4, 1998, on the proposed revised tribal constitution for the Pawnee Tribe of Oklahoma. The proposed revision was approved by over a two-thirds majority vote of 48 for and 18 against with no spoiled ballots for a total of 66 eligible voters participating. Under the authorization letter dated April 27, 1998, the document was effective the date of ratification, July 4, 1998.

A copy of the Constitution of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma is also attached. If you have any questions, contact Terry Burner or Suzanne Chaney, 405-247-6673, extension 209 or 207, respectively.

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CONSTITUTION
OF THE PAWNEE NATION OF OKLAHOMA

PREAMBLE

We, the members of the four confederated bands of Indians, namely, Chaui, Kitkehahki, Pitahawirata and Skidi which now constitute the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, with faith in the purposes of our Supreme Being, with abounding pride in our cultural heritage and with the determination to promote through marshalled efforts our social, economic and political advancement, do solemnly ordain and establish this Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma and adopt this constitution pursuant to the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act of June 26, 1936 (49 Stat. 1967) which shall supersede the constitution approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 26, 1937, and ratified on January 6, 1938, as amended.

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the "Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma".

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

Section 1. To secure for the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma and its members rights, powers, privileges, and benefits of a sovereign nation.

Section 2. To establish its Jurisdiction and Powers.

(i) The governmental powers of the Pawnee Business Council, acting for the sovereign Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma shall extend to all persons and to all real and personal property, including lands and other natural resources, and to all waters and air space, within the Indian Country over which the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma has jurisdiction. The governmental powers of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma shall also extend outside the exterior boundaries of Indian Country to any persons or properties which are, or may be included within the jurisdiction of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma.

(ii) The Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma is empowered to maintain under any laws of the U.S. and/or Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma's law and order, and judicial

(ii) A person shall not be eligible for membership, if enrolled as a member of another Indian Tribe.

ARTICLE IV- PAWNEE BUSINESS COUNCIL

Section 1. The supreme governing body of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma shall be the Pawnee Business Council, which shall consist of eight (8) members.

Section 2. Subject to the limitations imposed by this Constitution and applicable Federal law, the Pawnee Business Council shall exercise all the inherent, statutory, and treaty powers of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma by the enactment of legislation, the transaction of business, and by otherwise speaking or acting on behalf of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma on all matters which the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma is empowered to act, including the authority to hire legal counsel to represent the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma.

Section 3. All acts regarding Membership or Claims or Treaty Rights of the Pawnee Business Council shall be subject to review by the Nasharo Council in accordance with this Constitution.

Section 4. The present Pawnee Business Council members shall serve until the next regular election or until their successors are elected and installed, provided:

(i) The Pawnee Business Council shall provide an election commission to conduct all elections, provided that regular elections be held on the first Saturday in May of each odd numbered year.

(ii) No member of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, eighteen (18) years of age or older, shall be denied the right to vote by secret ballot, either in person or by absentee ballot, provided that no write-in votes shall be allowed.

(iii) Members of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, twenty-five (25) years of age or older, shall be eligible for election to the Pawnee Business Council. Members of the Pawnee Nation convicted of a felony or dishonorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States of America are ineligible for candidacy.